



FAMPO
FAYETTEVILLE AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals
with Disabilities Program
Section 5310 Grant Application
July 2026**



Downtown Fayetteville

**Fayetteville Area MPO and City of Fayetteville
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OVERVIEW

The Federal government provides financial assistance through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to develop new transit systems and to improve, maintain, and operate existing systems. The purpose of the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) is to enhance mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the country by removing barriers to transportation services, expanding the transportation mobility options available, and providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

The Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) and the City of Fayetteville are soliciting project proposals for this program. This competitive project selection process will award Federal funding that was authorized under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). It was later reauthorized with some changes under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). In the Fayetteville area, FAMPO will oversee the planning process and the competitive selection process. The City’s Fayetteville Area System of Transit (FAST) is the designated recipient and will administer funding locally to project sponsors that are selected for funding. The City will also set aside 10% of funding to cover administrative expenses, which is consistent with federal rules.

The following is the estimated available funding for the Fayetteville MPO:

FY26	Section 5310 Estimated Funds
TOTAL	\$413,971

All projects must conform to FTA rules. FAMPO encourages project sponsors to review federal guidance for this program before submitting projects. Additional information is included in the eligibility overview below, and at [Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities - Section 5310](#) (FTA.gov)

The Section 5310 application is for funds to be used within the Fayetteville Metropolitan Planning Area. Projects that are entirely or partially outside of the area are not eligible for Section 5310 funding but may qualify for other funding through NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division. Projects that span both urban and rural areas may be eligible for funding from the MPO’s local funds as well as NCDOT’s statewide funds.

The project application consists of the program-specific requirements detailed in this package of forms and instructions. After a project application has been selected for funding, sponsors will be required to submit appropriate certifications, assurances, and other documentation necessary to meet federal and local administrative requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR 2026:

- June 5^h 2026: Call for projects published
- July 1st 2026: **Application deadline**
- July 15th 2026: Selection of projects by the FAMPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

ELIGIBILITY OVERVIEW

Eligible Applicants

- A State or local governmental authority
- A private non-profit organization
- An operator of public transportation that receives a Section 5310 grant indirectly through a recipient
- Social services agencies

Eligible Use of Section 5310 Program Funds

Section 5310 program funds are available for a wide range of project types, including capital and operating expenses, that provide public transportation services and alternatives that serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

Eligible activities include:

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA.
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Cost Sharing/Match Requirement

Federal funds can provide up to 80 percent of the total cost (80/20 match) for capital projects and not more than 50 percent of the total cost (50/50 match) of projects for operating assistance. Eligible sources of local match include funds from Federal programs that are eligible to be expended for transportation (other than DOT or FTA), local public funding, and private funds. Non-cash share such as donations, volunteered services, or in-kind contributions is eligible to be counted toward the local match as long as the value of each is: (1) documented and supported, (2) represents a capital cost which

would otherwise be eligible under the program, AND (3) is included in the net project costs in the project budget.

Project Selection Process

Projects will be awarded through a competitive selection process. Staff of the Fayetteville Area MPO will receive applications and verify that they meet the minimum eligibility requirements. A Selection Committee, made up of select members from the MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC), will coordinate the process of reviewing and scoring the applications. The CAC and TCC will make recommendations to the MPO's policy board, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC will have the final vote to assign funding for the recommended projects. The list of approved projects will be published and submitted to FTA for funding.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

If your organization has a project that it would like considered for funding under Section 5310, please complete the following application and submit it to the address below **no later than 5 PM on July 1st, 2026**. Applications received after that date will not be considered. We will accept printed, faxed, and electronic applications. Please call (910) 678-7616 to verify receipt of your application.

Submit applications to:

ATTN: Taccarra Manuel
Fayetteville Area MPO
130 Gillespie Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

E-mail: tmanuel@cumberlandcountync.gov

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA AND NARRATIVE

The competitive selection process for the Section 5310 program is intended to ensure that projects address key gaps and take specific actions towards meeting key objectives. Proposed projects must address the needs or the strategies that summarize the needs in order to be eligible for funding.

The FAMPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will select projects for funding. After its formal announcement of the outcome of the competitive selection process, project sponsors will work with the Designated Recipient (City of Fayetteville) to access Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. Before receiving funds, sponsors will need to provide required documentation related to federal rules and details of local match funds expended. All applicants are required to submit a completed application by the set deadline.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicant Data

Name: _____

DBA (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Project Description

TITLE _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION _____

PROJECT TYPE: Capital Only Capital and Operating
 Operating Only Administrative

SERVICE DAYS/HOURS

ESTIMATED COST PER ONE WAY TRIP _____ (operating cost)

ESTIMATED DAILY RIDERS _____ (weekday/weekend)

A. Project Need/Goals and Objectives (25 points)

1. The project should directly address priority transportation needs identified through the Fayetteville MPO's locally developed "*Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan.*" Does the project cover an area targeted by the "*Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan?*" Describe the unfulfilled transportation need that the proposed project seeks to address and the relevant planning effort that documents the need.
2. Describe how the project will alleviate the need for transportation. Estimate the number of people expected to be served and/or the number of trips (or other units of service) that is expected to be provided. Describe the specific community this project will serve and provide pertinent demographic data and/or maps.
3. What are the project's goals and objectives? Project applications should clearly state the overall program goals and objectives and demonstrate how the project is consistent with the objectives of the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) under the FAST Act.

B. Implementation Plan (25 points)

1. Describe key personnel assigned to this project and their qualifications, and your agency's ability to manage the project.
2. Provide a well-defined operational plan for delivering service. Include route or service area map, if applicable; OR provide an implementation plan for completing a capital project. Describe implementation steps and timelines for carrying out the plan, including key milestones and estimated completion date.
3. Explain how this project relates to other services or facilities provided by your agency or firm.
4. Demonstrate how the project can be achieved within your technical capacity.

C. Program Effectiveness and Performance Indicators (20 points)

1. Project application should demonstrate that the proposed project is the most appropriate match of service delivery to the need and is a cost-effective approach. Identify outcome-based performance measures to track the effectiveness of the service in meeting the identified goals. For capital-related projects, the project sponsor is responsible for establishing milestones and reporting on the status of project delivery.
2. Describe steps to measure the effectiveness and magnitude of the impact that the project will have on target markets (i.e., seniors and individuals with disabilities).
3. Describe a plan for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the service, and steps to be taken if original goals are not achieved.

D. Project Budget (15 points)

1. Project sponsor should provide a clearly defined complete budget indicating anticipated project revenues and expenditures, including documentation of matching funds, in the format provided in Part III and describe efforts to ensure its cost-effectiveness. Proposals should address long-term efforts and identify potential funding sources for sustaining the service beyond the grant period.

E. Coordination and Program Outreach (10 points)

1. Describe how the project will be coordinated with public and/or private transportation and social services agencies serving seniors and individuals with disabilities.
2. Describe efforts to market the project and ways to promote public awareness of the program. Clearly identify project stakeholders and how they will be involved and informed throughout the project. Letters of support should be obtained from key stakeholders and/or customers and attached to the grant application.

F. Innovation (5 points)

1. Describe any proposed use of new innovative approaches that will be employed for this project. Approaches should have the potential for improving access and mobility for the target populations.
2. Discuss what is innovative about the approach and how the innovations could be applied to other services in the region.

Attach additional sheets as needed. Detailed descriptions of how your project addresses the criteria for evaluation of projects as outlined are required. Project scoring and subsequent ranking by selection committee will be based on how well it meets the evaluation criteria.

PROPOSED PROJECT BUDGET

Project Funding

Local matching funds will be required for all application submittals. For projects requiring operating funds, the required match is 50% from non-federal funds. For capital projects, the required match is 20% from non-federal funds.

Total Annual Project Budget \$ _____ (operating and capital only)

Capital Federal Share \$ _____ %

Capital Local Match \$ _____ %

Operating Federal Share \$ _____ %

Operating Local Match \$ _____ %Total

Local Match Funding

Source _____

Source

Address _____

Source Contact &

Phone _____

Source is: _____ Public _____ Non-Profit _____ Private

Note: The applicant is required to demonstrate a commitment to providing local match funds. This can be in the form of a letter and/or a copy of an existing grant agreement or supporting documentation where funds will be drawn from.

Describe: _____

EVALUATION MATRIX FOR

SECTION 5310 Projects

CRITERIA		Projects		
		Sample	Project 1	
Project Need/Goals & Objectives				
Priority Needs in Coordinated Plan		10		
Targeted Area		10		
Number of People Served		10		
Assessment of Objective		10		
	25%	25	0.00	
Implementation Plan				
Key Personnel		10		
Agency's ability to complete project		10		
Well defined operation plan		10		
Relation to other agency functions		10		
	25%	25	0.00	
Program Effectiveness/Performance Measures				
Measures		10		
Measurement methods		10		
Plans to evaluate service		10		
	20%	20	0.00	
Project Budget				
Detail of Budget		10		
Reasonableness of budget		10		
Source of matching funds		10		
Other funding sources		10		
	15%	15	0.00	
Coordination and Program Outreach				
Coordination efforts with other agencies		10		
Public Awareness efforts		10		
	10%	10	0.00	
Innovation				
Use of innovative approaches		10		
Longer term advantages		10		
	5%	5	0.00	
TOTAL RATING		100	0.00	

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